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NCD: Current Perception Threshold/Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold Test (sNCT)

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This instruction has been replaced by MM3339, the MLN Matters article for CR3339, Transmittal 15, titled: NCD: Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold Test (SNCTs), dated June 18, 2004. To see MM3339, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3339.pdf> on the CMS web site.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers.

Provider Action Needed

Providers should be aware that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has reviewed its policy on sNCT and reaffirms its original national non-coverage decision on sNCT.

Background

Based on a reconsideration of current Medicare policy for sNCT, CMS reaffirms its original national non-coverage policy regarding Current Perception Threshold/Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold Test (sNCT). The National Coverage Determination Manual (Pub. 100-03; Chapter 1; Subsection 160.23) has been updated to reflect this most recent non-coverage determination as a result of the reconsideration review.

Please note that the revision to the National Coverage Determination Manual is a National Coverage Determination (NCD) and NCDs are binding on all Medicare carriers, fiscal intermediaries, quality improvement organizations, health maintenance organizations, competitive medical plans, and health care prepayment plans.

Also, under 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 422.256(b), an NCD that expands coverage is also binding on Medicare+Choice Organizations. In addition, an administrative law judge may not review an NCD. (See §1869(f)(1)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act.)

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Implementation

The effective and implementation dates of this instruction are April 1, 2004.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R8NCD.pdf> on the CMS web site.

The revised portions of the NCD Manual are included with that CR.

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